

# CFCC & HWF Partner to Train Old Home Stewards & Contractors

The Historic Wilmington Foundation has partnered with Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) to create a curriculum that teaches students the fundamentals of repairing and renovating historic structures. Composed of three courses, this program is designed to train more contractors to meet the needs of our historic communities—resulting in better care for our old homes (and better jobs for our workforce). [Click here](#) to learn more about the program.

We're thrilled to introduce you to Connor Humphrey and David Cameron, the two instructors who will be teaching these upcoming classes.

## LEVEL 1: Intro to Historic Construction (Aug. 15 - Dec. 5)



Connor Humphrey grew up doing maintenance and repair to old homes in southern Indiana before going on to study history in Tennessee, where he worked on historic structures both on and off campus. He looks forward to teaching construction techniques and the nuances of historic district regulations—and he's bringing in local experts to dig deep into specialties like windows, plaster, and more. **"What's special about this course is how flexible it can be to meet the needs and interests of students,"** Connor says. "If they own a historic home and need help with repairing their floors, we can have a specialist come in to focus on that topic. It's customizable."

In addition to serving as a CFCC instructor, Connor works at the Burgwin-Wright House and is a Master's student in Public History at UNCW. The former jail house at the Burgwin-Wright, which is now an art gallery, is a prime example of what Connor loves about preservation—**re-envisioning spaces and their purpose, their legacy.**

Connor appreciates that Intro to Historic Construction does more than teach the (literal) nuts and bolts of repairing old buildings; it shares the importance of historic preservation "To me, it's how people interact with their built environment," Connor says. **"There's hardly a way to get closer to history than stepping into a historic building and seeing the way it has changed over time."**